

William Alcorn House
91 Palisade Avenue
Union City, Hudson County, New Jersey

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Owner: Mrs. Tessie Platoni

Date of Erection: Before 1850

Architect:

Builder: Probably William Alcorn

Present Condition: Poor

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - brick and
sandstone

Exterior walls - frame
construction, clapboards

Interior walls - plaster on
lath

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch with original
dormers

Historical Data:

According to the deeds in the Bergen County Hall of Records John Syms of New York City started buying land in this district in 1835. He bought the tract upon which this house now stands and sold it in 1836 to George B. Innes; it contained 25.08 acres. In 1839 by sheriff deed Syms received the property back. He resold it in 1846 to William Alcorn. At this time the acreage had been cut up into building lots. It is for this reason that we have given the date of erection as before 1850 and the probable builder as William Alcorn. The house as it now stands was

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obviously built to fit the lot. From old deeds we learn that Palisade Avenue was cut through by 1837 so that this was a comparatively new real estate development. The property remained in the Alcorn family until 1867 when Jabez Crombie became the owner. It was sold out of the Crombie family in 1899 and since that time nine transfers are recorded. The present owner obtained possession in 1932.

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